

## Timeline for Rhode Island Diploma System

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### Explanation and Considerations for Use

This timeline, drawn from RIDE's February 2005 Technical Assistance Bulletin, details major deadlines that should be considered when designing your system. Please review this carefully, and note that the Class of 2008 will be the first to graduate under the new Rhode Island Diploma System.

**This is a guidance document issued by the Rhode Island Department of Education. Rhode Island schools should consider it carefully when designing an exhibition system.**

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***FEBRUARY 2004- 2005***

<b>February 2004</b>	<b>March - May 2004</b>	<b>April – November 2004</b>	<b>December 2004</b>	<b>January 2005</b>	<b>February 2005</b>
<p>(Regents' High-School Regulations Passed in January 2003)</p> <p>Initial Guidance (5.0) for Diploma System issued by RIDE</p> <p>Districts continue to implement High-School Regulations based on January 2003 Regents' Regulations</p>	<p>PBGR/ Gates Advisory Committee meetings on-going</p> <p>Districts select which Diploma System components that they will implement and report to RIDE</p>	<p>Gates Networks formed and provide Statewide Sharing/Co-learning Opportunities</p> <p>Gates work continues and RI Diploma System Steering Committee continues work</p> <p>Districts continue their refinement of their Diploma System components for class of 2008</p> <p>Districts begin work with class of 2008 students and designing their PBGR requirements</p>	<p>RIDE disseminates Rhode Island Diploma System overview</p> <p>RIDE meeting with districts on status of the RI Diploma System</p>	<p>RIDE hosts regional technical- assistance sessions with districts using Diploma System/ GSE materials</p> <p>- Districts meet with grade 9 students and parents to describe their PBGR system</p> <p>- RIDE PBGR Technical Assistance Bulletin disseminated</p>	<p>RIDE hosts Technical- Assistance sessions using Diploma System TA/GSE materials</p> <p>Districts develop framework for their local PBGR criteria and quality standards based on RIDE guidelines issued in January 2005</p>

***FEBRUARY 2005 – JULY 2006***

<b>February 2005</b>	<b>March 2005</b>	<b>April – June 2005</b>	<b>July 2005 – July 2006</b>
<p>Districts develop framework for their local Diploma System components based on criteria and quality standards</p> <p>RIDE Regional workshops to share Diploma System Technical Assistance Bulletin with Districts/schools- alignment clinics</p>	<p>RIDE Diploma System Peer-Review criteria draft disseminated and explained to districts</p> <p>RIDE HS conducts visits as requested by districts/schools</p>	<p>Districts ensure class of 2008 students/ families are “on course” and aware of PBGR components</p> <p>Schools ensure class of 2008 Opportunities to Learn are present</p> <p>RIDE to provide Technical Assistance clinics/workshops</p> <p>RIDE visits high schools to review progress</p> <p>Finalization of grade 9-10 GSEs ELA/Math (Regents’ Adoption)</p>	<p>Practice Peer Review Process and Criteria with focus on ELA and math</p> <p>Districts may submit their Graduation Requirements and Diploma System to Commissioner/RIDE for early review and feedback</p>

**DIPLOMA SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION  
SCHEDULE  
JULY 2006 – JULY 2012**

July 2007	July 2008	July 2009	July 2010	July 2011	July 2012
Diploma System Peer Review (focus on ELA/Math)  Practice Peer Review for SS, the Arts, and technology	Diploma System Peer Review in science  Districts submit entire Diploma System to RIDE  Commissioner's Review Focus on Science	Diploma System Peer Review in social studies, arts, and technology	Diploma System Peer Review in English language arts, math, science  Commissioner's Review focus on SS, the arts and technology	Comprehensive Diploma System Peer Review for half of districts	Comprehensive Diploma System Peer Review for remaining half of districts

***DIPLOMA SYSTEM  
PROFICIENCY EMPHASIS FOR  
COMMISSIONER REVIEW***

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
ELA, Math	ELA, Math	ELA, Math, Science	ELA, Math, Science, Arts, Technology, Social Studies	All Areas

**Note:** The class of 2008 must be proficient in all six areas. However, proficiency in English Language Arts and mathematics must coincide with the proficiency description defined by RIDE and will be the focus of the Commissioner's Peer Review in 2006. The other four areas will be locally determined but generally focused on descriptions offered in the Diploma System 5.0 Guidance (February 2004), Diploma System Overview (December 2004), and from the Technical Assistance Bulletin, to be published in January 2005.

**Note:** In the years 2013 and 2014, all high schools in Rhode Island will have added fully endorsed PBGR components to their Diploma System, which will also meet the federal NCLB criteria for ensuring that all students (100 percent) are proficient in English language arts and mathematics by 2014. Science assessment will be required for proficiency evidence but is not needed for AYP.